

REPORT OF THE ST. VINCENT'S PARISH FORUM MEETING - 28th MARCH 2019

Present: Father Paddy and 12 parishioners.

The meeting opened with a prayer led by Father Walsh.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 17 January 2019 as read.

Matters Arising

- Parish Council – nothing to add
- Father Ryan to commence his talks on Wednesdays from the 1st May to 5th June. It was suggested that maybe we could hold these talks on another day. UCM hold their meetings on a Wednesday
- A.O.B. – Replacing windows too costly for stained glass at present time but may consider in future
- Parish Retreat (Ilkley) – 26 people have put their names forward. Will bring up again in August in case more would like to attend. Cost of a coach would be, Riverlin £390 and Beewise £450 for a 29 seater. Parish may help towards cost. Louise to check with coach used by St. Wilfred's.

Parish Directory

Is nearly completed. Dominic to put on the website for proof reading and comments before final booklet. People in the parish to receive a copy so can be informed of groups and people in parish. Maybe photos/pictures to be included. The booklet may be ready by the Autumn.

Diocesan Environmental Policy

The Bishop has spoken to parish priests regarding this. We have a moral duty to help with the crisis of climate change. We can all help with prayers, good housekeeping, sharing cars etc. There is a poster in the Narthex with reference to a meeting at St. Wilfred's on this important issue. This will be held at St. Wilfred's on Saturday 6th April 9.30 am to 2.15 pm. The Policy to be included with the minutes.

Parish Clustering

There was a Deanery Meeting in January regarding this, but there will be no more meeting. We haven't had any meetings with Sacred Heart. Father Michael is the Priest in Charge but will only be here for two years. Father Paddy has said only one Mass to date at Sacred Heart.

It was announced at last weeks Mass at Sacred Heart that the offertory collections were not enough to cover all expenditures, gas, electricity, heating, candles etc. May have to close in two years if income is not increased.

Solly Street Update

Father Lee and his Team will be coming to St. Vincent's to inform us of the development of the site, maybe at our next meeting. The new Church (Old School) will hold approximately 200 people, and Father Lee will hold 1 or 2 Masses for students and parishioners. The structure of the new Church is nearly completed, work then to commence on the interior. All the flats built on the site will be occupied in September. The site to be called St. Vincent's Place.

Renovation of the Presbytery

This will commence sometime in September. The sitting room to be the parish room for arranging weddings, funerals etc. and will have the computer. The office to be extended to the length of the garage.

SVP in Parish

Lance Philpott will be speaking at both Masses this weekend in the hope that a group will be established in our Parish, especially after the Ladies of Charity group closed. There will be a follow up meeting on Tuesday 2nd April for wishing to attend. This will be held in the parish rooms at St. Vincent's.

A.O.B.

It was suggested that a Social Group could be formed. There will be not be any external evening functions in the Parish Hall in future. Some events had exceeded the closing time of 11.00 pm and neighbours had complained of the noise. We only charge £15.0 per hour. The hall will still be available for all parishioners.

Date of next Meeting

23rd May 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed with a prayer by Father Paddy.